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have never taught geography, and probably never shall, I hope that Dr. Fairbanks will produce other books of this high quality and progressive type.

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LESSONS IN ELEMENTARY PHYSIOLOGY. By Thomas Huxley. Sixth Edition. Revised by Joseph Barcroft. Macmillan & Co.

This book, by no means so very elementary as its title might indicate, begins with a "General View of the Structure and Functions of the Human Body." It first considers the functions and form of the body as a whole, and then of the various parts, closing with two most interesting sections, "Life and Death" and "Modes of Death." (There follow sections on the circulatory organs, the lymph and lymphatic system, the composition, qualities, and functions of blood, respiration, alimentation, and kindred subjects. The section on motion and locomotion considers those activities in their intimate connection with bodily structure; the sections devoted to the sensory organs deal also with the senses produced by them, the coalescence of sensations, and certain outstanding facts of consciousness. The one dealing with nerves and innervation is especially complete and clearly written. It should be of value not only to the student of physiology, but to those who wish a general physiological groundwork for studies in psychology.

The book is one which, from beginning to end, shows careful, purposeful organization. There is no trace of padding in any chapters, and yet there is a sufficiency of detail for a book of its general and introductory character. It is worth a place on the bookshelf of any zoologist or physiologist, and in these days, when we hear so much of mechanistic concepts of man, "man as an adaptive machine," and so on, it is not without value to the generally educated layman.

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HOW TO KNOW TREES. By Henry Irving. Funk and Wagnalls.

This is a convenient little volume, written in popular and most attractive English. It treats the common trees of Great Britain, both native and introduced, in a manner that seems to satisfy the demand of Oliver Wendell Holmes when he said: "What we want is the meaning, the character, the expression of a tree, as a kind and as an individual." There are no artificial keys; no hard, unbeautiful diagrams. Each tree is described with necessary detail, but without technicality. The illustrations, which are excellently selected, show these characters of the trees which can most readily be distinguished by the layman who, though interested in the facts of nature, does not care to systematize them and so become a scientist. Someone would do well to write a similar volume on American trees, or the trees of some particular area of this continent.

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